GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS ABROAD
KAILASH MEGHWAL

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign companies and their agents while offering appointments to the Indian engineers, doctors and technical employees abroad sign contracts offering pay, allowances and other facilities which are subsequently not implemented;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is formulating any scheme/programme to stop the exploitation of such employees working abroad and to ensure that terms and conditions of the service as signed in the contract are fully complied with; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A Bill to amend the Emigration Act, 1983, has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 21.11.2002 to provide for establishment of a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council and an Indian Overseas Workers` Welfare Fund.

(c): The proposed Council will promote employment opportunities for emigrants; projection of manpower services, collection of statistics and information relating to employment opportunities and matters connected therewith; collection and maintenance of statistics and information in respect of persons seeking employment; liaison with other export promotion agencies; recommendations to the Central Government about the standards and guidelines for overseas employment; and administration of India Overseas Workers` Welfare Fund.